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1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 Ju	ine 2003.						
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) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is						
closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.							
Disposition of Claims							
4) Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdray 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) Claim(s) 1-48 are subject to restriction and/or expressions.	vn from consideration.						
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Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119							
 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 							
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DETAILED ACTION

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Election/Restrictions

- 1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-47, drawn to "location monitoring for an emergency communication" including a movable detection station and a method for determining the location of a wireless transmitting device(s), and guiding the search for said wireless transmitting device(s), classified in class 455, subclass 402.2.
 - II. Claim 48, drawn to "an artificial intelligent of a knowledge processing system" such as an robot with installation of a reference wireless transmitting device and a compass sensor, classified in class 706, subclass 25.
- 2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as apparatus and product made. The inventions in this relationship are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the apparatus as claimed is not an obvious apparatus for making the product and the apparatus can be used for making a materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different apparatus (MPEP § 806.05(g)). In this case, the <u>invention I</u> describes a system and a method for monitoring location of a target wireless terminal while the <u>Invention II</u> describes a searching robot with installation of a reference wireless transmitting device in assisting relative location estimation performed by a movable detection station.

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3. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an

election of an invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR

1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to

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petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically

point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an

election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably

distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the

inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In

either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the

evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

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